

STATE NEWS

The warehouse building, occupied by the National Packing Company, situated on West Bay street in Jacksonville, collapsed last Friday, killing two negroes and badly injuring one white man, a Mr. Price, who were working in the structure.

The man and woman who were drowned during the storm on Tampa Bay off Piney Point, twelve miles above Bradentown Thursday morning have been fully identified as Charles Stergis and wife, of Tampa. They were in a fishing boat, and on their way from Tampa to Cortez to get a load of fish. Stergis was a fisherman and fish-dealer. No other persons were in the boat.

The election to the house of representatives, from Calhoun county, of Mr. John D. Trammell, the younger brother of Messrs. Park and Worth Trammell, was received with much pleasure by his Tallahassee friends. Mr. Trammell was the winning candidate out of nine competitors in the special election made necessary by the death of Hon. E. S. Fartner, of Clarks-ville. —Tallahassee True Democrat.

J. B. Pound, president of the Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, formerly owner of the Chattanooga Daily News, in connection with J. A. Newcomb, a well-known hotel man of Macon, Ga., have closed a deal whereby Jacksonville will have a ten-story, strictly modern and up-to-date hotel, absolutely fireproof, and costing upward of \$1,000,000. The hotel will be ready for business on the first of January next. It is to be on the corner of Hogan and Forsyth streets.

Manatee county is shipping celery by carloads daily and will continue for some weeks. By that time the early potatoes will begin to move, along with the numerous other staples, and from now till late June there will be two Manatee county processions—stuff going out and money coming in. No actual and complete statistics can be compiled for some time, but it is evident right now that this is to be the county's banner year. —Tampa Times.

James H. S. Houstown of Tallahassee was made sheriff of Leon county in place of Sheriff Langston, murdered. The Democratic State Executive Committee met in the office of Chairman Joseph A. Edmondson and elected Mr. Houstown on the second ballot. He received 10 votes against 7 cast for E. B. Manning, Sr., seventeen out of eighteen members of the committee being present. Immediately upon receiving his recommendation Mr. Houstown was appointed by Gov. Gilchrist and received his commission from the Secretary of State.

Mr. J. W. Busard, of Kansas City, Mo., who several months ago purchased a large tract of the Everglades lands in this vicinity, has arrived in the city and is a guest at the Gralyn hotel, where he will spend several days. Mr. Busard is accompanied by Mr. H. C. Humphreys, of Webb City, Mo., and Andrew Wilson, of Cripple Creek, both of whom are here to look over the Everglades lands with a view of investing. Mr. Busard is also here not only to look after his interests but to acquire more. In all probability the gentlemen will leave Miami with deeds to several thousand acres of Everglades lands. —Miami Metropolis.

The southbound passenger train of the Seaboard had a real live calf as passenger on its pilot Sunday evening. When the train arrived many were surprised to see the young animal, apparently uninjured, laying up against the head of the boiler, and as the train slowed up it raised its head and took in the surroundings. After the animal was removed it was found that the front leg was broken, but otherwise was uninjured, and Agent Bullard gave it to a party to raise. It was picked up at the 94-mile post, near Hatchet creek. —Gainesville Sun.

Sunday morning Col. and Mrs. Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky., arrived in the city from Naples-on-the-Gulf, and spent a couple of days as guests of the Royal Palm. The Press acknowledges a call from Col. Watterson, who is the able editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, and one of the grandest writers in America. Col. Watterson is a plain, matter of fact man, but a power politically, not only in his state, but the nation. He and Mrs. Watterson departed for their home via New Orleans. The Press feels honored in having a visit from the gentleman. —Fort. Myers Press.

A cyclone struck Kathleen last Friday blowing down fifteen houses and killing three people. Earle Zoucks was killed as he ran out of his house. The wind and rainstorm which had been steadily increasing in vigor since midnight, culminated in an outburst of fury at 6:30, when the wind must have exceeded fifty miles an hour. The houses, all frame buildings, were blown down like a stack of cards. A number of other persons were injured, one of them fatally. All those who were killed or hurt were caught in the wreckage of the houses. Many of the houses which were not wrecked were twisted by the force of the wind. Several roofs were lifted.

Wednesday's Times-Union says: Ten thousand dollars comprised a sum of money paid to the clerk of the United States district court yesterday afternoon as reimbursements for damages inflicted upon the timber on certain government lands in Florida by R. J. Knight and associates in the turpentine business, the Consolidated Naval Stores company and the J. P. Williams company. There were seventeen civil actions instituted against Knight, his associates and the Consolidated Naval Stores company. The actions were for damages for trespass upon government lands and damages to the timber thereon. The amount of damages sought in each of the seventeen cases aggregated an immense total.

Fifty-three horses from the Cook stables were shot this morning on the Sand Hills, near the old pest house, under the direction of President Myerson, of the S. P. C. A. This makes a total of sixty-five animals, affected with glanders, killed to prevent the spread of the disease. The shooting of the animals was humanely done by Dr. Spencer, under the supervision of Mr. Myerson. The bodies of the dead horses were buried in a large trench dug near the scene of the killing. No more cases of glanders have been reported, and it is believed that the disease has been successfully confined to the Cook stables. The stables will now be thoroughly fumigated. —Jacksonville Metropolis.

For the past several days a great many lead dimes and quarters have been making their appearance in Gainesville and several of the merchants have been "stuck" on the spurious coin. The imitations are very good and can scarcely be detected, except in the ring, and it would be advisable at this time for all to notice money well, especially in these denominations. Specimens shown the reporter were rather old and dark-looking and bore the date of 1881. The fact that they are so old makes it easier for their passage. It is supposed that this is part of the money recently unearthed from the Newberry section that is now finding its way here, but it would be better that all take notice of the coins of the above denominations and try and get them out of circulation. —Gainesville Sun.

Sheriff Langford, being satisfied that Osiah Roberts, of the Dukes neighborhood, sold whiskey in a dry county, was there last Wednesday and arrested Roberts. A large quantity of whiskey was found in his home and plenty of evidence was gathered that he had sold

whiskey. Roberts was arraigned before County Judge Dekle, pleaded guilty and was remanded to jail in default of bond for his appearance before the grand jury at the spring term of the circuit court. Roberts is an old offender, having been convicted of selling whiskey before, but on account of ameliorating circumstances his punishment was suspended during good behavior. He is an old one-armed man and receives a monthly pension of \$5 from the county. —Starke Telegraph.

Monticello is considerably stirred up over the rumor that the Atlantic Coast Line intended to build a line of road from Perry to New Amsterdam, via Tallahassee, leaving out that city as originally proposed. Railroad people are usually alert to their own interests, and if the Coast Line sees that its traffic would be greatly increased by buidling into Tallahassee and New Amsterdam, thus piercing the noted tobacco belt, the inconvenience to Monticello would not be considered. Since the towns mentioned have given so much publicity to the rumor there must be something in it, and it behooves the leading citizens of Tallahassee to interest themselves to convince the officials of the road that the line from Perry to the Capital City, and thence north, would be the most profitable one to construct. —Tallahassee True Democrat.

Budger Moss, a well known negro character, on Monday, shot and dangerously wounded Melvina Davis, a negro woman, at Litchenstein tobacco warehouse, then holding Mr. E. S. Quarterman, who attempted to arrest him, at the point of his smoking revolver, backed out of the building and deliberately laid down on the ground and shot himself, inflicting a dangerous wound just below the heart. The negro woman was shot twice. It is learned, however, that the wounds are not necessarily fatal either to Moss or this woman. For some time past the negro has been in ill health and unable to work, and the woman had been taking care of him. It seems that she became tired of the burden, with the above result. Only last week it was known that this negro made an attempt to take his life by taking laudanum. —Quincy Times.

See the Other Fellow.

Patrick arrived home much the worse for wear. One eye was closed, his nose was broken and his face looked as though it had been stung by bees. "Glory be!" exclaimed his wife. "Thot Dutchman Schwartzheimer—twas him," explained Pat. "Shame on ye!" exploded his wife, without sympathy. "A big shpalpeen the loikes of you to get bate up by a little amadhound of a Dootchman the size of him! Why—" "Whist, Nora," said Patrick "don't spake disrespectful of the dead!" —Everybody's Magazine.

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